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ART UNIT PAPER NUMBER

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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# Notice of Allowability

Application No.  
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Javaid Nasri

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to amendment received on 9/5/2000

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 5-8

☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. 5

☒ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on Sep 5, 2000, which has been approved by the examiner.

☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

## Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with attorney Mark A. Aaker (Registration No. 32,667) on 09/13/2000.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

- A) In claims 5 and 7, line 2, "the socket" has been changed to --the socket connector--.
- B) In claim 5, line 4, "attached" has been changed to --is attached--.
- C) In claims 6 and 8, line 1, "A socket connector" has been changed to --The socket connector--.

**REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The primary reason for allowance of the claims is the inclusion of the limitation, a vertical barrier which moves with the movable end of the flexible ramp and the vertical barrier configured such that the insertion of the wide plug will engage a

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side of the plug with the flexible ramp, riding along and moving the flexible ramp so that the vertical barrier is moved out of a stopping position, and allowing the wide plug to pass the vertical barrier and to be fully seated in the socket cavity, but further configured such that the insertion of the narrow plug will fail to engage a side of the plug with the flexible ramp, leaving the vertical barrier in its stopping position, and preventing the narrow plug from being further inserted into the socket cavity past the vertical barrier, along with other limitations in all of the claims which is not found in the prior art reference of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Javaid Nasri at telephone number (703) 308 5876. For any inquiry of general nature related to the status of this application should be directed to Group receptionist at (703) 308-0956. The group fax number is (703) 308 7722 or (703) 308 7724.

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